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SUBJECT: RECOVERY OF WWII REMAINS

REF: (A) DA WASH MSG 101731Z AUG 76 TO USDAO

(B) USDAO 0363 AUG 76 TO DA WASH

(C) TAGCEN 231400Z AUG 76 TO USDAO

(D) NEW DELHI 12508

1. REF A REPORTED RECEIPT BY DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OF LETTER FROM BRIG. RAI OF INDIAN EMBASSY EXPLAINING THAT DUE TO PROXIMITY OF BORDER, GOI COULD NOT ALLOW FOREIGN PERSONNEL TO VISIT CRASH SITE FOR RECOVERY OF REMAINS, BUT OFFERING TO ORGANIZE INDIAN RECOVERY TEAM AT US EXPENSE. REF C REPORTED THAT MAJ. GEN. SMITH HAD SENT LETTER TO BRIG. RAI ACCEPTING INDIAN TERMS, AND INSTRUCTED USDAO TO WORK OUT DETAILS. REF D REPORTED THAT MEA UNAWARE OF BRIG. RAI ACTION AND CONTINUING TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR AMERICANS TO GO TO CRASH SITE, AND REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS.

2. DEPARTMENT AND DOD CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE TO PROCEED AS AGREED IN CORRESPONDENCE REFS A AND C, WITH GOI UNDER-UNCLASSIFIED

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TAKING RECOVERY AND US MAKING AVAILABLE EXPERT ADVICE AS

PER REF C. WE SUSPECT MEA WILL HAVE HEARD FROM THEIR
EMBASSY HERE ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENT BY NOW. HOWEVER, YOU
MAY FORMALLY NOTIFY MEA THAT WE NO LONGER INSIST ON SENDING
AMERICANS TO THE CRASH SITE. KISSINGER

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